GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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THEFT IN SBI BRANCH
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Bank of India, Ghaziabad branch, was recently looted;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the estimated amount looted by the robbers;

(c) whether the Government has made assessment of the lapses in the existing security arrangements in the bank;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to improve the existing security arrangements in the bank?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL)

(a) & (b):- State Bank of India (SBI) has informed that an amount of Rs.81 lacs has been looted in an incident of dacoity at their Model Town, Ghaziabad Branch on the night of 17th-18th November 2003 and one Guard of the Bank was killed by strangulation.

(c) & (d):- The Branch being a currency chest branch, the security arrangement was in place as per the Bank`s guidelines to guard the Branch round the clock by Armed Guards.

(e):- SBI has advised all its Local Head Offices to review the security arrangements in sensitive branches and make additional security arrangements to ensure that such incidents do not recur.